

CROKER DEALS MAY FIGURE IN DELMOUR SUIT

Contest Over "Whispering Larry's" Estate Begun by Brother and Nephew.

FORMER FIGHTS WILL.

Nephew Claims Equity in Real Property, Saying He Put Up Money Used.

A revelation of the inner workings of Tammany Hall is expected to be a feature of the effort to break the will of "Whispering Larry" Delmour, Richard Croker's right-hand man and closest friend, who left his \$300,000 estate to his nurse-girl wife, Jennie.

Peter Delmour, a brother of the former Tammany leader, yesterday began action to have the will set aside, and John M. Delmour, a nephew, brought a suit in equity, alleging that practically all the money "Larry" Delmour invested in real estate and other ventures was money he, John Delmour, turned over to him. A bitter fight is expected in the latter suit, for if successful it would practically deprive the young widow of even her dower right in the estate.

In this suit a trial by jury in the Supreme Court is asked, and the plaintiff's lawyer, William J. Walsh, of No. 296 Broadway, declares he will prove at the trial that the fortune made by Larry Delmour was built upon money given to him by John.

Secret Realty Deals.
In the complaint in the action it is asserted that the nephew entrusted his money to Lawrence Delmour because the uncle was a politician "closely allied and identified with a political organization known as Tammany Hall, and was himself one of the district leaders in said Tammany Hall, and was closely connected with the then leader of Tammany Hall."

The leader of Tammany Hall was Richard Croker; and it was always known that Larry Delmour, Croker's right hand man, was "in" on large real estate pools and other operations beneficial to Croker and his friends. Lawyer Walsh proposes, he says, to reveal in detail these operations of the Tammany crowd.

John Delmour was appointed Marshal for the Collection of Personal Taxes and Arrears in 1886; and although there was no regular salary attached to the office, there were emoluments amounting to thousands of dollars a year. It was often asserted that Larry Delmour shared in the emoluments, but the uncle stoutly denied that he had ever received any money from his

nephew. John Delmour now avers differently, and places the amount received by Larry Delmour, during the twelve years, at \$125,000.

Second Wife Was His Nurse.
"Whispering Larry's" first wife, Mrs. Mary Delmour, died in November, 1902, leaving \$30,000 to her husband. Three years later he married Jennie Walsh, a nurse, twenty-five years old, who had attended him through an attack of pneumonia.

A year ago Larry Delmour died. When his will was filed for probate it was found that he had left the bulk of his estate to his young widow, John M. Delmour was not mentioned in the instrument.

Shortly after the filing of the will, Peter Delmour, the brother, filed a protest in the Surrogate's Court against probating it. In his protest, Peter Delmour alleged that his brother was of unsound mind; that he had been unduly influenced by his young wife in disposing of his large estate. Sarah Delmour, a sister, also joined in the petition, as did another nephew, Hugh Delmour. The order was brought in, and the will was admitted to probate.

The action now begun by Peter Delmour to have the will set aside is practically a continuance of that action, except that now a trial before a jury in the Supreme Court is asked.

Nephew Talks of "Alleged" Wife.

The complaint in John M. Delmour's suit to set aside the decree admitting the will of Lawrence Delmour to probate was filed in the County Clerk's office to-day. He was only twenty-two years old, he says, when, in 1886, he became marshal for the collection of arrears of personal taxes. He had great confidence in his uncle, who was a Tammany district leader and had great influence in Tammany Hall.

"Larry" Delmour told him, the complaint continues, that he was in a position to invest his spare cash to especial advantage, and would invest it for their joint benefit, whereupon he, John M. Delmour, entrusted all he could to his uncle, the aggregate in twelve years of office being \$125,000.

On the death of his uncle he discovered that he had "bequeathed the estate founded upon my money to his alleged wife, Jennie Delmour."

TRAIN KILLS WAR VETERAN.

Bankers' Express Runs Over Man at East Norwalk.

Samuel Smith, a veteran of the Civil War and sexton of the East Norwalk Cemetery, was struck and instantly killed by the Bankers' Express at East Norwalk this morning.

The express, one of the fastest trains on the New Haven road, was bowling along at a speed of an hour when Smith tried to cross the tracks. He was struck by the cowcatcher, his body dragged two hundred yards and tossed on the east bound track. The train was backed up and the body taken aboard and left in care of the station agent at South Norwalk.

NEW YORKER FOUND SHOT.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 15.—The body of Hans Noren, of New York, was found yesterday afternoon in a lonely spot in Forest Hill Park, just outside of the city, with a pistol hole over the right temple. He had \$10 in his pockets and a bank book showing a recent deposit of \$100 in a local bank.

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Six of Them Saw Tragedy and Are Called as Witnesses in Court.

MONTICELLO, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Six children, their ages ranging from four to fourteen years, will be the principal witnesses against Michael Noeth, who

was placed on trial here to-day charged with having murdered their father, Philip Sullivan, at Liberty, in May, 1907. Noeth and Sullivan lived in adjoining houses in Liberty, of which village both were prominent citizens. Sullivan formerly had resided in New York City. Between the two men, it is alleged, ill feeling existed, and the State expects to prove that Noeth had declared he would "get even" with Sullivan. On the evening of May 15, 1907, Sullivan and his six children were playing ball when the ball was batted on the Noeth grounds, near a chicken house. Sullivan went after the ball and, when nearing the chicken house, Noeth, it is alleged, fired upon him with a shotgun. The allegation also is made that when Sullivan fell, mortally wounded, Noeth jumped upon the prostrate form and choked Sullivan and pounded him with his fists. The Sullivan children were the only eye-witnesses to the tragedy.

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The surplus stock of our foremost coatmaker offered here to-morrow at less than wholesale cost.

Full length coats of warm English melton or cheviot cloth; large SHAWL COLLAR of black or brown Lynx fur; full box back, deep cuffs. Directorate pockets; also ZIBELINE, CARACUL or BEAVER COATS (double breasted) in all colors; sizes 6 to 16; \$6 value, at 2.98

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Unusually Attractive Bargain in Boys' Clothes

Boys' Long Overcoats, ages 7 to 16, in plain and black Oxford gray and striped effects; all made of superior cloth, heavy and durable; most all have ribbed twill linings and velvet collars. Double breasted. Reverses, ages 2 to 12, made from heavy twilled chevrons, red flannel linings. Russian Overcoats, ages 1 to 9, in plain blue, Oxford and fancies; full, large double breasted coats, velvet collars and insignia on sleeve. Boys' elegant Suits, in ages 3 to 16, also double breasted Suits with extra pants, ages 7 to 16, special to-morrow at 1.89

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Men's Extra Quality German Blanket, bath or lounging robes, in a large variety of patterns and colors; silk and wool girldes to match \$5.50 quality; special at 3.98

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Handsome warm blanket robes, full size, large collar, deep border around bottom and turned up cuff, drawn with girld, shown in gray, red, tan, blue or brown. (Underwear Dept. 2d Fl.) \$4 quality at 1.98

SPECIAL NOTICE!

The management begs to announce that during the Xmas Holiday Season THIS STORE WILL CLOSE EVERY EVENING at 7 o'clock excepting Saturday, December 19th, when the store will remain open until 10 o'clock P. M.

We sincerely regret if this innovation may inconvenience any of our patrons, but we feel that the benefit to our employees will be so great that our customers will gladly co-operate with us and accommodate themselves to shopping before 7 P. M.

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